IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-10. (canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A refrigerating appliance comprising:

a storage compartment;

a door of the refrigerating appliance for opening and closing the storage compartment;

a refrigerant circuit cooling the storage compartment and including a compressor;

a collecting receptacle collecting condensed water from the storage compartment; and

a heating device heating the collecting receptacle and being operated independently from the operation of the compressor;

a door opening sensor disposed adjacent the door and detecting the opening of the door; and

a control circuit connected to the door opening sensor and structured to control the average power of the heating device in response to the frequency of the door openings detected.

12. (Previously Presented) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 11, wherein the heating device comprises an ohmic resistance.

13. (Previously Presented) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 11, wherein the heating device includes an electrically operated heating rod.

14. (Previously Presented) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 11, wherein the heating device is arranged on a wall of the collecting receptacle.

15. (Previously Presented) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 11, wherein the heating device is arranged so that it is immersed in the condensed water within the collecting receptacle.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 11 ~~17~~, wherein the door includes a magnetic seal and the door opening sensor includes a magnetic field sensor.

19. (Currently Amended) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 11, further comprising:

a water level sensor disposed on the collecting receptacle~~; and~~

~~a~~ wherein the control circuit ~~connected to the water level sensor and controlling~~ is further structured to control the heating device when the water level detected by the water level sensor exceeds a limit value.

20. (Previously Presented) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 19, wherein the water level sensor includes a float switch.

21. (Currently Amended) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 11, further comprising:

a time measuring device~~; and~~

~~a~~ wherein the control circuit ~~connected to the time measuring device and~~ is further structured to control ~~controlling~~ the heating device when a predetermined time is reached.

22. (Currently Amended) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 11, further comprising:

a temperature sensor disposed on the collecting receptacle~~; and~~

~~a~~ wherein the control circuit ~~connected to the temperature sensor and~~ is further structured to control ~~controlling~~ the heating device in response to a temperature detected by the temperature sensor.

23. (Previously Presented) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 11, wherein the compressor includes a housing forming at least a portion of the collecting receptacle, condensed water within the collecting receptacle contacting the housing and absorbing waste heat from the compressor.

24. (Withdrawn) A refrigerator comprising:

a body at least partially defining a storage compartment;

a refrigerant circuit defining a flow path for refrigerant and cooling the storage compartment and including a compressor;

a collecting receptacle collecting condensed water from the storage compartment;

a heating device heating the collecting receptacle;

a sensor detecting an operating parameter of the refrigerator; and

a control circuit connected to the sensor and controlling the heating device in response to the operating parameter detected by the sensor.

25. (Withdrawn) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 24, wherein the heating device and the compressor are operated independently from one another.

26. (Withdrawn) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 24, wherein the compressor includes an upper housing section forming at least a portion of the collecting receptacle, condensed water within the collecting receptacle contacting the upper housing section and absorbing waste heat from the compressor.

27. (Withdrawn) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 26, wherein the refrigerant circuit includes:

a liquefier receiving compressed relatively warm refrigerant from the compressor; and

a pressure connection connected to the upper housing portion of the compressor and carrying refrigerant from the compressor to the liquefier, the pressure connection passing through the collecting receptacle and heat from the refrigerant being dissipated to the condensed water in the collecting receptacle.

28. (Withdrawn) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 26, wherein the refrigerant circuit includes:

a evaporator providing expanded relatively cold refrigerant to the compressor; and

a suction connection connected to the compressor and carrying refrigerant from the evaporator to the compressor, the suction connection passing through the collecting receptacle and having an insulating jacket surrounding the suction connection within the collection receptacle to insulate the refrigerant from the condensed water in the collecting receptacle.

29. (Withdrawn) A refrigerator comprising:

a body at least partially defining a storage compartment;

a collecting receptacle collecting condensed water from the storage compartment;

a refrigerant circuit defining a flow path for refrigerant and cooling the storage compartment and including:

a compressor having an upper housing section forming at least a portion of the collecting receptacle, condensed water within the collecting receptacle contacting the upper housing section and absorbing waste heat from the compressor;

a liquefier receiving compressed relatively warm refrigerant from the compressor, a pressure connection connected to the upper housing portion of the compressor and carrying refrigerant from the compressor to the liquefier, the pressure connection passing through the collecting receptacle and heat from the refrigerant being dissipated to the condensed water in the collecting receptacle;

a heating device heating the collecting receptacle, the heating device and the compressor being operated independently from one another.

30. (Withdrawn) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 29, wherein the refrigerant circuit includes:

a evaporator providing expanded relatively cold refrigerant to the compressor; and

a suction connection connected to the compressor and carrying refrigerant from the evaporator to the compressor, the suction connection passing through the collecting receptacle and having an insulating jacket surrounding the suction connection within the collection receptacle to insulate the refrigerant from the condensed water in the collecting receptacle.